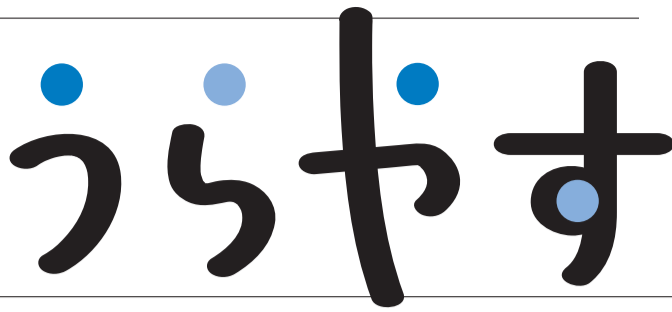




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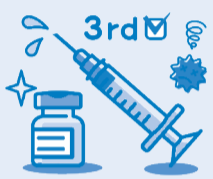
Population and No. of Households in Urayasu

Population: 168,576
Male: 82,036
Female: 86,540
Households: 81,861
Foreign Residents: 3,779
(As of February 28, 2022)

Latest Information on Novel Coronavirus Vaccinations

Inquiries: Novel Coronavirus Vaccine Call Center Tel: 0120-151-670

In order to avoid vaccine mix-up errors at the mass vaccination venue, Urayasu City will administer vaccines for those aged 5-11 years separately from those aged 18 years and older. For this reason, the Culture Hall will be used as a mass vaccination venue for those aged 5-11 years from the beginning of April, and booster shots (third dose) for those aged 18 years and older will end by March 31 (Thu.). For those who wish to receive a booster shot (third dose) after April, please sign up for an individual vaccination at either the Urayasu City Vaccination Center (next to Hinode Public Hall) or one of the selected medical facilities.



Now accepting booster shot (third dose) reservations for those aged 18 years and older

Urayasu City is sending out vaccination tickets to those aged 18 years and older, who have received their second dose at least six months ago. Those who have received their vaccination ticket can schedule an appointment for their booster shot (third shot) by calling the Novel Coronavirus Vaccine Call Center (Tel: 0120-151-670) or access the online vaccination reservation form (<https://urayasu.hbf-rsv.jp>).

Some medical facilities require individual vaccination appointments to be made directly in person. For more information, please refer to the Urayasu City website.



Now offering Novel Coronavirus vaccinations for those aged 5-11 years at a mass vaccination venue

Date: Beginning to the end of April; Wed., Thu., Sat., Sun., Note: The recipient must wait three weeks after the first dose, to receive the second dose.

Location: Culture Hall

Application: After receiving the vaccination ticket, please schedule an appointment by calling the Urayasu City Call Center (Tel: 0120-151-670) or access the online vaccination reservation form (<https://urayasu.hbf-rsv.jp>).

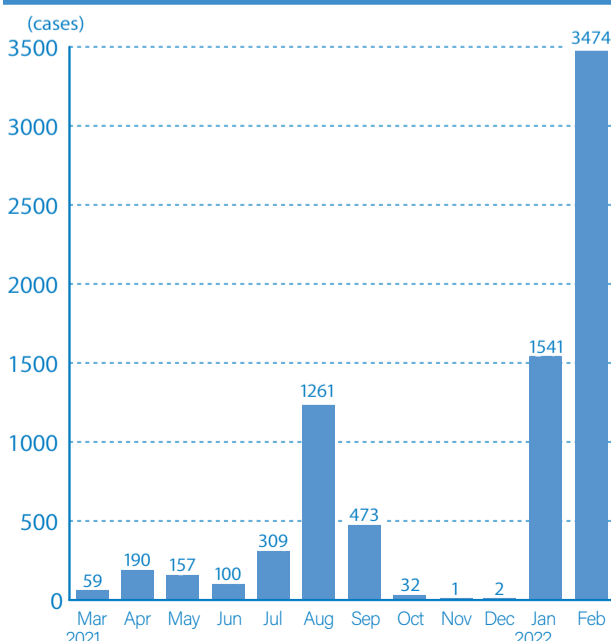
Selected medical facilities are still conducting individual vaccinations. For more information on these medical facilities and on how to make a reservation, please refer to the Urayasu City website.



<https://urayasu.hbf-rsv.jp>

More Information Regarding Novel Coronavirus Infections in the City

Number of confirmed cases in the past year (monthly)



The Legal Adult Age is Lowered from 20 to 18



Starting April 2022, the legal adult age has been lowered from 20 to 18. Persons born after April 2, 2004 will be legally considered as an adult on their 18th birthday, and will be able to sign credit card and mobile phone contracts on their own without requiring parental consent. However, the legal age for alcohol consumption, smoking, and government-controlled gambling such as horse racing will continue to be 20 years of age considering the health impacts, juvenile delinquency, and juvenile protection. Furthermore, the legal age allowing women to marry will be raised from 16 to 18, making 18 the marriageable age for both men and women. This decision has been influenced by the recent view of social and financial maturity being deemed the same for both genders.

Youths, shortly after reaching their adulthood, tend to lack knowledge and experience with contracts and are prone to hastily signing them without properly understanding the content. Up until now, contracts signed by persons under the age of 20 without parental consent could be in principle, cancelled. However, now with the legal adult age lowered, this protection will no longer apply for those aged 18 years and older. Please be firm in refusing contracts that you think are suspicious or unnecessary before signing them. Consult a trusted family member or friend if it is difficult for you to judge on your own. The Consumer Advisory Center is open for consultation regarding contract problems. If you find yourself in a troublesome situation related to contracts, don't try to handle it on your own but seek advice by calling the Consumer Advisory Center Assistance Desk (Tel: 390-0030).

Inquiries: Consumer Advisory Center Tel: 390-0086

Urayasu City Hall is Undergoing Organizational Changes

To be able to respond accurately to administrative issues, Urayasu City has undergone organizational changes based on an organizational structure that will enable efficient and effective implementation of policies.

Newly Established

- Administration Department, Communication Network Promotion Section, Digital Promotion Office (Urayasu City Hall 7F)
- Planning Department, Public-Private Joint Promotion Section (Urayasu City Hall 5F)
- Children's Affairs Department, Health Promotion Section, Infection Control Office (Health Center)

Inquiries: General Affairs Section **Tel:** 712-6121

Change in Operating Hours for Station City Service Centers

Business hours for Station City Service Centers at Urayasu, Shin-Urayasu, and Maihama have been changed to 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Inquiries: Civic Affairs Section **Tel:** 712-6517

School Lunch Fees Are Exempt for 6th Graders at Municipal Elementary Schools and 3rd Graders at Junior High Schools

To reduce the burden on parents of educational costs for their children and students, school lunch fees will be exempt for 6th graders at municipal elementary schools and 3rd graders at municipal junior high schools, starting April 1 (applies to the fee due May 31, 2022).

Inquiries: Public Health & Sports Safety Section **Tel:** 712-6780

Maihama Park's Observatory is Now Open

The observatory, garden path, and parking lot at Maihama Park are now available to everyone.

Parking lot hours:

8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The lawn area in the park is scheduled to open in July, when the grass is fully cured.

Inquiries: Parks & Public Areas Section **Tel:** 712-6728

Adjustments Will Be Made to the Out-of-pocket Medical Expenses for the Latter-stage Elderly

Starting October 1, 2022, those with an income above a specified amount will be required to cover 20% of their medical expenses instead of 10%, with an exception for those who currently pay 30%.

Inquiries:

(1) Out-of-pocket Medical Expenses for the Latter-stage Elderly Call Center **Tel:** 0120-002-719

Note: Mon. to Sat., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (closed on national holidays)

(2) Chiba Prefecture Wide Area Union For the Medical Care System for the Elderly Call Center **Tel:** 0570-080280

Note: Mon. to Fri., 8:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. (closed on national holidays) (National Health Insurance & Pension Section)

Recruiting Tenants for Chiba Prefecture Housing

Application: Apply by April 15 (Fri.)

(must be post-marked by this date) by sending an application form [available at the Housing Affairs Section (Urayasu City Hall 6F), General Affairs Section (Urayasu City Hall 1F), City Service Centers, or Central Management Office (Urayasu City Hall 1F) on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays] to the Chiba Prefecture Public Housing Corporation (1-16 Sakaecho, Chuo-ku, Chiba City, 260-0016).

Note: For more information, please refer to the Chiba Prefecture Public Housing Corporation website: <https://www.chibakousya.or.jp>

Inquiries: Chiba Prefecture Public Housing Corporation Recruiting Section **Tel:** 043-222-9200 (Housing Affairs Section)



Cancellation of Group Vaccination for Rabies

The group vaccination for rabies, usually carried out in April every year, will be cancelled in order to prevent the spread of novel coronavirus infection. We apologize for the inconvenience, but please apply for a vaccination at your primary veterinary hospital. Vaccination fees may vary depending on the hospital, so please contact the veterinary hospital for more information.

Inquiries: Environmental Health Section **Tel:** 712-6495

Special Invitation for Friendship City Citizens to the Chiba Lotte Marines Games

Date and time: May 17 (Tues.), 18 (Wed.), 19 (Thurs.), from 6 p.m.

Location: ZOZO Marine Stadium (Maihama-ku, Chiba City)



Eligibility: Those residing, employed, or enrolled as a student in Urayasu City. Total of 200 people per day (lottery to be used for a large turnout)

Details: Watching a game against the Tohoku Rakuten Golden Eagles

Application: Please apply through the special site for the Chiba Lotte Marines Citizen Invitation Event (<https://m-ticket-rsv.marines.co.jp/fscity/>), between April 1 (Fri.), 10 a.m. to April 17 (Sun.), 10 p.m.

Inquiries: Marines Information Center **Tel:** 03-5682-6341 (Sports Section)

A Stroll with the Mayor

Etsushi Uchida, Mayor of Urayasu City

An Educational Environment that Utilizes Tablet Devices

As the spread of the novel coronavirus infection continues to be highly unpredictable, we ask for your continued cooperation in taking all basic preventative measures.

The spread of the novel coronavirus infection has drastically changed our lives, limiting the kind of human interaction we used to have in the past.



The environment surrounding children has also changed completely. Through a process of trial and error, schools and other educational institutions have been working hard in order to best accommodate the children.

Two years ago, there was a temporary closure of all schools in April 2020, which changed the children's school life dramatically. How to carry out and continue classes, homerooms, and afterschool activities became a challenge. So, we established a website to assist children with their learning, also known as "Urayasu Learning Center" and distributed videos of school lessons.

Due to these circumstances, enhancing the ICT environment became imperative in order to support children's learning and maintain school activities. The "GIGA School Project" was accelerated, with an aim to provide one tablet device per student, use cloud computing, and set up a high-speed communi-

cation network environment. Urayasu City utilized government subsidies to complete preparations sooner than initially planned, by providing one tablet device per student and improving the school network environment as early as March 2021.

In addition to the preparation of tablet devices, efforts were being made to secure desirable learning environments. This meant, tablet devices and Wi-Fi routers were being lent out, interactive homerooms were carried out, online classes with external instructors were held, and devices were being utilized in school events. In 2021, each student was able to bring home a tablet device, in an effort to help establish a closer relationship between the school and students.

Even during this pandemic, we have been striving to ensure good opportunities for the children to learn. We will continue to promote the use of tablet devices and online platforms, as we incorporate these new forms of learning in this age of advanced digitization.

Recyclable Waste Disposal Schedule

Collection Area	Bottles/Cans/ PET plastic bottles	Newspapers/ Magazines
Nekozane, Kitazakae, Todaijima	Every Tue.	Every Mon.
Horie, Higashino, Fujimi, Maihama, Tekkadori 3-chome	Every Wed.	Every Sat.
Kairaku, Mihama, Irifune, Hinode, Akemi	Every Thu.	Every Mon.
Tomioka, Imagawa, Benten, Takasu, Minato, Tekkadori 1- and 2-chome, Chidori	Every Fri.	Every Sat.

* Please put out your garbage between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. It is against the rules to put it out earlier or later than this designated time as it could become a nuisance in your neighborhood.

* Bulky items will be collected separately on request by phone. Call the Bulky Items Reception Center ☎ 305-4000. For inquiries, contact the Garbage-Free Section ☎ 712-6467.

FOREIGN RESIDENTS' ASSISTANCE DESK

Urayasu City provides consultation services concerning daily life such as medical, educational or job-related matters.

HOURS: 10 a.m. - 12 noon, 1 - 4 p.m. weekdays

LANGUAGES: English, French, Chinese, Polish, Russian and Japanese

PHONE NUMBER & LOCATION: 712-6910

Urayasu City Hall Local Activities Promotion Section

Foreign Residents Advisory Corner

Hours: Every Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., every Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Languages: English

Phone Number & Location: 306-5181, International Center